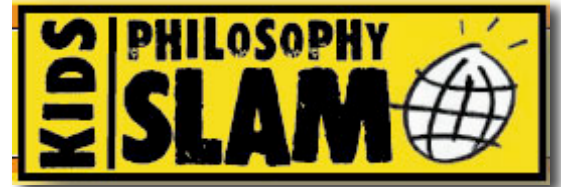


**"The Mission of the Kids Philosophy Slam is to give kids a voice and to inspire kids to think by unlocking their intellectual and creative potential through a unique and powerful philosophical forum."**



This national competition is designed to make philosophy accessible and fun for kids of all ages and abilities. Its purpose is to promote a philosophical dialogue between kids and adults, and a greater awareness of philosophy and education in everyday life.

**What is philosophy?** Philosophy is the study of the basic truths and ideas about the universe, the system of ideas and principles that govern an individual's life, or a personal set of opinions about life and the world. Since everyone has life experiences, the Kids Philosophy Slam asks kids to write, create poetry, music or artwork regarding a philosophical question posted each year.

**2013 Topic:**  
**Which is more powerful, love or hate?**

**How to participate:**

1. **Label your entry** with the student's name, age, grade, teacher, school, school address, phone number and teacher email address.
2. **For essays, prose, or poetry**, put this information on the **TOP FRONT** of the page.

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**Due In Class, Friday, January 25, 2013**

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**Suggestions for approaching the topic:**

- How do you define love?
- What are symbols of love? What does love look like?
- When is love powerful? When is love weak?
- What are literary or historical examples of the impact of love?
- How do you define hate?
- What are symbols of hate? What does hate look like?
- When is hate powerful? When is hate weak?
- What are literary or historical examples of the impact of love?
- What are the differences between love and hate?
- What are the similarities between love and hate?

**6th Grade — 8th Grade**

- This age category may write prose, poetry, or an essay of 500 words or less, answering the philosophical question.
- Essays may be based upon personal experiences, observations or through research and historical context. Musical compositions may be in written form, or recorded and submitted by CD.
- Judging will be based on the following criteria: Originality and creativity, strength of philosophical argument, spelling and grammar. A national winner will be chosen from each grade.

For more information, please visit the website <http://www.philosophyslam.org/>. If you use resources when preparing your entry, be sure to cite your sources using the format specified in the "Buckley Style Guide."